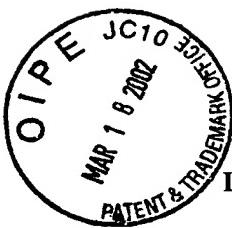


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Isabelle JOUVE et al.)

Application No.: 09/719,839)

Filed: March 14, 2001)

For: METHOD FOR PREPARING P-
HYDROXYMANDELIC COMPOUNDS)
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- [X] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- [] A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- [] Also enclosed is _____.
- [] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- [] Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$370.00 (279) [] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- [] Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- [] Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- [] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- [X] No additional claim fee is required.

[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	26	MINUS 26 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	0
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	0
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					

[] A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

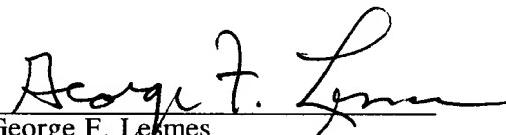
[] Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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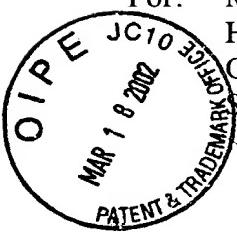
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 18, 2001, the period for response thereto having been extended for three months by virtue of a Request filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 25, with the following:

A precise subject of the present invention is a process for the preparation of
optionally substituted p-hydroxymandelic compounds and derivatives, which consists in
carrying out the condensation, in water, in the presence of an alkaline agent, of an

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